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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1394

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

CINCPAC HONOLULU

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E.O. 11652: N/A (DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT)

TAGS: PFOR, LA, TH

SUBJECT: LAO-THAI DISCUSSIONS

1. LAO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NOUPHAN SITPHASAI, IN BANGKOK FOR ESCAP PLENARY, MET ONE AND A HALF HOURS APR 21 AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN TO DISCUSS LAO-THAI RELATIONS. ONLY BROAD OUTLINE OF DISCUSSIONSHAS APPEARED IN PRESS AND ON OFFICIAL RADIO.

2. UPPADIT REPORTEDLY STRESSED RTG DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH LAOS, WHILE NOUPHAN NOTED THE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. HE SAID THAT LAOS WOULD TRY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THAILAND AND HOPED THAI WOULD DO SAME. NOUPHAN IS SAID TO HAVE AGREED TO CONSIDER A PERENNIAL THAI SUGGESTIONFOR PERIODIC MEETINGS BETWEEN HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.THEY AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NOUPHAN CLAIM-  
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ING THAT THE LAO FAILURE TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO BANGKOK WAS NOT FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE RECTIFIED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS. UPPADIT TOLD PRESS THAT IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE TWO COULD EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO SPEED UP PROCEDURES FOR RESUMTION OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN BANGKOK AND VIENTIANE.

3. NOUPHAN TOLD PRESS THAT HE PROPOSED WAYS OF CONTROLLING LAO RESISTANCE ELEMENTS IN THAILAND, FAILING TO MENTION UPPADIT'S REACTION. MFA UNDERSECRETARY WONG PHONNIFON SAID THAT VIRTUALLY ALL DON SANKHI ISLAND INHABITANTS HAD ENTERED THAILAND WHEN LAO RETOOK ISLAND EARLIER THIS MONTH.

4. IN EARLIER REMARKS TO PRESS, NOUPHAN DENIED THAT REBELS HAD KIDNAPPED LAO KING, WHO WAS RECEIVING PROTECTION IN A "SAFE PLACE" IN PL-LIBERATED ZONE" A LONG WAY FROM THE MEKONG RIVER" FOR HIS OWN SAFETY. HE SAID PDRL HAD DECIDED TO PROVIDE THE PROTECTION AFTER RECEIVING REPORTS OF A PLOT TO KIDNAP HIM AND TAKE HIM OUTSIDE LAOS TO SET UP A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE.  
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